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Select Agent Program  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Road, E-79  
Atlanta, GA 30333

Subject: Interim Final Rule on Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins, 67 FR 76886

The University of Texas at Tyler is in support of the Public Law 107-188, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness Response Act of 2002 (Law). For a small institution, the performance-based approach of these new requirements will enhance our ability to effectively formulate policies to ensure compliance with these regulations should a principal investigator want to pursue new avenues of research on our campus.

However, while we currently do not possess such agents on our campus, we concur in the questions that have been raised by both the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Council on Governmental Relations and support their recommendations regarding specific details in the implementation of the new regulations.

Sincerely,

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David O'Keeffe  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Rodney H. Mabry  
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